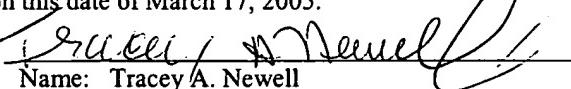


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Andreas DERR :
Serial No.: 10/511,418 : Art Unit: To be assigned
Filed: October 14, 2004 : Examiner: To be assigned
For: **MEASURING DEVICE WITH**
PENETRATING ELECTRODE : Atty. Docket: WEM-07701
:

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that the foregoing documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date of March 17, 2005.


Name: Tracey A. Newell

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Copies of the documents are also being submitted.

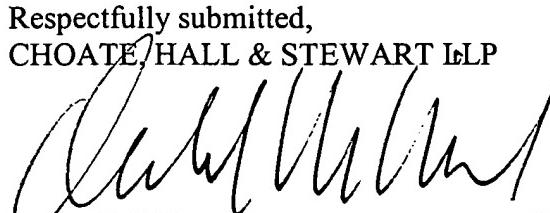
Since this IDS is being filed prior to a first Office Action on the merits for this case, no fee is due. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, References AI, AJ, AK, AL and AM listed are publications cited by an International Search Report (copy attached) for a counterpart of the above-referenced application. Also enclosed are copies of two German Office Actions (English translations attached). The relevance of non-English language references is set forth in the Search Report and German Office Actions. Applicants note References AE, AF, AK and AS are publications that are discussed in the present application. In addition, Reference AA is a U.S. patent that corresponds to Reference AI; Reference AB is a U.S. patent that corresponds to Reference AJ; Reference AC is a U.S. patent that corresponds to Reference AK; and Reference AD is a U.S. patent that corresponds to Reference AL.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each document on the PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 031721**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4038.

Respectfully submitted,
CHOATE, HALL & STEWART LLP



Donald W. Muirhead
Registration No. 33,978

March 17, 2005

Date

Customer No.: 26339
Patent Group
Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP
Exchange Place
53 State Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				<i>Complete if Known</i>	
				Application Number	10/511,418
				Filed	October 14, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Andreas DERR
				Art Unit	To be assigned
				Examiner Name	To be assigned
(Use as many sheets as necessary)					
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	WEM-07701

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (<i>if known</i>)			
	AA	US- 5,939,610	08-17-1999	Iwamoto, et al.	
	AB	US- 6,051,392	04-18-2000	Ikeda, et al.	
	AC	US- 20030057952	03-27-2003	Andreas Derr	
	AD	US-5,139,641	08-18-1992	Neukum	
	AE	US- 4,252,124	02-24-1981	Maurer, et al.	
	AF	US- 4,218,299	08-19-1980	Lindell, et al.	
	AG				
	AH				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appeal
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)			
	AI	EP 0 753 737 A2	01-15-1997	EPO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AJ	EP 0 964 060 A2	12-15-1999	EPO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AK	DE 100 04 583 A1	08-16-2001	Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AL	EP 0 399 101 A1	11-28-1990	EPO	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AM	FR 2 618 902 A1	02-03-1989	France	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AN	DE 42 31 677 C2	01-28-1993	Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AO	DE 100 34 520 A1	01-24-2002	Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AP	DE 199 61 210 A1	06-28-2001	Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AQ	DE 89 12 731 U1	02-15-1990	Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AR	DE 83 33 874 U1	04-05-1984	Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AS	DE 38 14 634 A1	11-09-1989	Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3.). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.